



## **CCA Notes to our Donors**

**Fall 2020**

Dear Friends,

The future is wanting to be born and it will emerge from the whole of us together—Theory U.

Our communities continue to pursue that future: by living at the heart of the Church, seeking new ways to maintain the bonds between us and supporting one another in solidarity and love.

This newsletter shares with you our hopes, dreams, and plans for that future. Your past support has helped to bring us thus far and we are now asking you to remember us on Giving Tuesday.

Please donate by going to the donate section of our web page <https://ccacarmels.org/giving/>

Or by sending a check to

**Sr. Marjorie Robinson, OCD**  
**CCA Treasurer**  
**Carmelite Monastery**  
**89 Hiddenbrook Drive**  
**Beacon, NY 12508**



This is what we are asking you to support:

### ***Women at the Well Dialogues***

CCA's on-going formation program: *Women at the Well Dialogues* will host an Advent prayer service entitled *God Draws Near: Watching in Silence and Hope* on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Liz Sweeney, SSJ will lead the sisters in prayer as we gather to share the in-breaking of God in our lives through the lens of the Advent Scriptures. Sr. Liz will join us again in January to explore the unitive possibilities that emerge between us when we allow Christ, 'our luminous center', to move us toward a new vision for our lives.

### ***Shared Services Collaborative***

The Shared Services Collaborative is the bridge between the generations and spans them all. It provides the administrative support that empowers the younger leaders to focus more attentively on the

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ministry of prayer, provides the assurance of logistical continuity of care for our older members, and enables them to live their contemplative life more fully. This program will provide a broad range of services and will address financial, purchasing, and insurance needs. As you remember, the GHR foundation gave us a generous grant to develop a plan for this collaborative. Since we last wrote to you, our CCA communities ratified the implementation phase of this program in October; it will begin in January. We are still actively seeking funding to carry out the implementation of the project.

## ***Bringing Two of Our Communities to Completion***

At this time CCA is accompanying two of its member communities as they move to the stage of final completion for their communities. These moves will allow for their continuing ministry of prayer but in settings that are more suitable for their current circumstances.

Our CCA Leadership Team has been extensively involved in assisting with this painful process. Your contributions support not only the beginning of the journey we call religious life, but they also enable us to bring a community to approach completion with dignity, gratitude, and peace. Please support us on Giving Tuesday.

## ***In Conclusion***

CCA is truly grateful to its donors for their generous support, without which the programming of the Association would not be possible. CCA is reliant on dues from its member communities, grants and contributions in order to fulfill its mission and goals. It is our hope that by sharing information regarding some key programs that CCA is properly stewarding your contributions. Please be assured of the continued prayers of the CCA communities for its benefactors. The CCA website is proud to display its honor roll of donors: <https://ccacarmels.org/honor-roll-of-donors/>.

## ***CCA Prayer for our Donors***

***I never fail to thank God for you and to remember you in my prayer. --Ephesians 1:16***

Good and gracious God, we ask you to bless our benefactors. May your Spirit enliven them and enrich them with your peace and wisdom. As we continue our mutual journey of faith, encouraged by hope in the promises you have made and filled with your unending love, we experience the joy of the companionship of these wonderful men and women whose generous hearts inspire us and support us. We are grateful! We are humbled! We thank you for caring for us all. May their gifts come back to them a hundredfold! This we ask through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.